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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/813,369	<b>Applicant(s)</b> RANSOM ET AL.	
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Date of Interview: 30 October 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,32 and 41.

Identification of prior art discussed: Davis (US-6118269-A) and Shear et al. (US-6157721-A).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)


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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The examiner and the applicant's representative discussed details pertaining to independent Claims 1, 32, & 41. Discussion was made over the broad scope of the claim limitations and the manner in which the prior art of record covers these limitations. Suggestion was made by the examiner, for the applicant to tighten the language of the claims by tying in aspects surrounding tamper prevention and tamper detection, as well as, their associated actions/reporting. It was also suggested for the application to replace the terms "for" and "operative" with "configured to" and omitting the term "substantially" in order to clarify the claim language. The applicant inquired about including a limitation, "an enclosure which surrounds said energy management device," and suggestion was made by the examiner to include aspects of tamper prevention/detection which would provide a clear understanding of the enclosure's functionality. Thus, better encompassing the novelty of the applicant's invention. Applicant's proposed amendments, if made as discussed may overcome the prior art of record and require further search and consideration.

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